

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Fei Ge, et al ) Confirmation No.: 9360  
Serial No.: 10/830,211 )  
Filing Date: April 21, 2004 ) Examiner: Morrison, Jay A.  
  ) Art Unit: 2168

For: Cost-Based Optimizer for an XML Data Repository within a Database

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 26, 2009. Please revise the subject application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.